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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: IRANIAN GOVERNMENT PROPOSAL TO CHANGE TERMS OF REFERENCE
OF COUNTER-SUBVERSION OFFICE

1. QUOTED BELOW IS A SELF-EXPLANATORY REQUEST BY THE
IRANIAN NATIONAL REPRESENTATIVE TO MAKE TWO LANGUAGE CHANGES
IN THE TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE CENTO COUNTER-SUBVERSION
OFFICE (CSO). IN ESSENCE, ONE CHANGE WOULD BROADEN AND ONE
CHANGE WOULD NARROW THE SCOPE OF THE CSO CHARTER. THE
FIRST WOULD PERMIT THE CSO TO INVESTIGATE NOT ONLY
COMMUNIST SUBVERSION BUT ALSO OTHER SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES
"IRRESPECTIVE OF THEIR SOURCE OR ORIGIN." THE SECOND WOULD
DELETE A PARAGRAPH IN THE CURRENT TERMS OF REFERENCE WHICH
COULD BE INTERPRETED TO MEAN THAT THE CSO COULD INVESTIGATE
INTERNAL SUBVERSION WITHIN CENTO MEMBER COUNTRIES.

2. BEGIN TEXT:

"THE IRANIAN AUTHORITIES, AFTER GIVING DUE CONSIDERA-
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TION TO THE MEMORANDUM OF JULY 3, 1962 SUBMITTED TO THE
COUNCIL BY THE THEN SECRETARY GENERAL AND ALSO TAKING
INTO ACCOUNT THE CONTENTS OF DOCUMENT NO. CSO/C12/D4
DATED JANUARY 29, 1962, ARE OF THE OPINION THAT THE MEANING
OF SUBVERSION AND THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE COUNTER
SUBVERSION OFFICE BE EXPLAINED IN THE TERMS OF REFERENCE.
THEY HAVE, THEREFORE, PROPOSED THAT THE FOLLOWING PARA-

GRAPH BE INCLUDED IN A SUITABLE PLACE IN THE PROPOSED TERMS
OF REFERENCE:"

"COMBATING AND COUNTERING, BY ALL POSSIBLE MEANS, COMMUNIST
PENETRATION AND ALL KINDS OF SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES IRRESPECTIVE
OF THEIR SOURCE OR ORIGIN CARRIED OUT AGAINST CENTO MEMBER COUNTRIES.
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"SINCE THE DISCUSSION OF THE WEAK POINTS OF A MEMBER COUNTRY IN
A CENTO COMMITTEE IS NOT CONSIDERED APPROPRIATE, THE IRANIAN
AUTHORITIES AGREE WITH THE PROPOSAL OF THE EX-SECRETARY GENERAL
THAT THE LAST SENTENCE OF PARA I, 1
BE DELETED FROM THE PROPOSED TERMS OF REFERENCE. THE
SENTENCE TO BE DELETED IS REPRODUCED BELOW:"

"IT SHOULD MAKE A PARTICULAR STUDY OF SUBVERSION MADE POSSIBLE
BY ECONOMIC OR MILITARY WEAKNESS, EXTERNAL DISPUTES AND
NEUTRALISM, AND SHOULD PRESCRIBE MEASURES TO COUNTER SUCH
SUBVERSION." END TEXT.

3. THE GOP AND GOT REPRESENTATIVES INDICATE THAT THEIR
GOVERNMENTS ARE PREPARED TO SUPPORT BOTH THESE CHANGES.
THE BRITISH REPRESENTATIVES HAS INDICATED INFORMALLY TO
EMBASSY OFFICER THAT HIS GOVERNMENT IS NOT DISPOSED TO
APPROVE THE FIRST CHANGE, I.E. INCLUDING SUBVERSION
IRRESPECTIVE OF SOURCE OR ORIGIN IN THE TERMS OF REFERENCE.

4. THE GOI REPRESENTATIVE HAS INDICATED THAT HIS
GOVERNMENT STRONGLY DESIRES A RESOLUTION OF THIS ISSUE ONE
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WAY OR THE OTHER PRIOR TO THE CSO ANNUAL MEETING IN
MID-FEBRUARY.

5. REQUEST DEPARTMENT POSITION ON THE TWO REQUESTED
CHANGES. WE RECOMMEND THAT WE OPPOSE ADOPTION OF
BROADER LANGUAGE REGARDING THE SOURCES OF SUBVERSION,
AND CONCUR IN THE SECOND PROPOSAL TO DELETE THE LAST
SENTENCE OF PARA I, 1. IF POSSIBLE, REQUEST THIS GUIDANCE
PRIOR TO JANUARY 17, THE NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING
OF THE CSO COMMITTEE.
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